

CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TO: Summer Food Service Program Sponsors
All Schools Participating in the Summer Food Service Program

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FROM: Nutrition Standards Unit

ATTENTION: Food Service Program Sponsors, Food Service Directors

SUBJECT: Use of School Meals Initiative (SMI) Menu Planning Options in the Summer Food Service Program

This Management Bulletin transmits information from the United States Department of Agriculture allowing National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program sponsors who participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to use any approved School Meals Initiative Menu Planning option(s) they use during the school year for the SFSP. The purpose of this guidance is to reduce the burden on local schools that participate in the SFSP by permitting them to continue using a meal planning system that is familiar, while at the same time ensuring that meals served in the SFSP meet a recognized nutrition standard. This guidance is directed towards schools that prepare meals for their sites and non-school sponsors that contract with schools to provide meals.

The SMI menu planning options which school districts may use in the SFSP are listed below. The options written in *italics* may only be used by sponsors participating in the Shaping Health as Partners in Education (SHAPE) project.

Computer Based Methods:

USDA Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (USDA NSMP)

USDA Assisted Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (USDA ANSMP)

SHAPE California Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (SHAPE NSMP)

SHAPE California Assisted Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (SHAPE ANSMP)

Food Based Methods:

1994-95 Meal Pattern

USDA Food Based menu Planning (USDA FBMP)

SHAPE California Revised Meal Pattern (SHAPE RMP)

There are no optional planning alternatives for snacks served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Therefore, snacks prepared by schools must meet the meal pattern for supplements established in section 210 of the NSLP regulations in order to be creditable. This pattern is identical to the meal pattern for snacks in the SFSP regulations.

School sites administered by school food authorities may implement the "offer versus serve" provision as long as this option was used during the school year. Non-school sponsors are not authorized to implement "offer versus serve" at their sites.

If you have any questions regarding this Management Bulletin or information on training opportunities in SMI Menu Planning Options, please contact Kathy Mackey, Child Nutrition Consultant, School Nutrition Programs Unit, at (916) 324-0578 or leave a message at the toll free number (800) 952-5609.

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